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Region 2 Remedial Action Contract (RAC2) Pre-Solicitation Conference

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This file contains all of the questions submitted at the conference. The answers to these questions are available in the transcript which can be obtained on Region 2's website at:

http://www.epa.gov/oamsrpod/pmrcsc/rac2/R2.htm

These answers are preliminary and will be finalized at a later date.



◆ 1. Must the EPA Mentor Protégé Program be bid as a JV or can it be bid as a team to stay small under the standard size?



◆ 2. Clarification, can our SF330 include more than one application for participation in the EPA Mentor Protégé Program? Can we have several EPA protégés on this contract?



◆ 3. Could you please review again your answers to the questions pertaining to the Mentor Protégés Programs.



◆ 4. If an SDV or 8(a) has to do a minimum of 50% of the work will they be required to submit more than 50% of the key resumes?

◆ On the Mentor Protégé Program will an existing Mentor Protégé Program (MPP) be given more credit than a proposed MPP?



♦ 5. Does the JV that is proposed by a large and small team have to be approved by SBA prior to due date?

◆ If the SBA does not approve the proposed JV will the team be evaluated as a team rather than a JV?



♦ 6. Will there be a minimum percentage required for SDVOSB labor?



♦ 7. Will Section II be included in page count?



♦ 8. Can introducing materials be included in Section E and F? For example, matrix of resumes and matrix of projects, respectively.



♦ 9. In reference to bonds, so the SDVOSB or 8(a) only have the construction contractors post performance and payment (P&P) bonds, correct. Do the post bonds to the EPA or to the contractor?



- 10. Will a Joint Venture agreement with a large business greater than 500 bring the SDVO or 8(a) into the large business category?
- Will the SBA make the final size determination based on the JV's participants?



• 11. Participation on all terms is at "your own risk"... and is a business decision. Can you cite one contract where the same team has been reversed/flipped and resulted in a win on BOTH contracts?

• Will the SDVO or 8(a) contracts be awarded prior to the large considering no SDVO or 8(a) currently exists?



- ◆ 12. There was mention of contractor selection based on prior specific site experienced increased competition on the F&O for firms/teams without prior NPL experience in Region 2?
- Would encourage oral presentations for the set aside contracts so that WPA may have the opportunity to get to know teams which they may not be familiar with?



◆ 13. Will EPA establish a work assignment specially for "Program Management" activities? If yes, it is requested that EPA provide a sample SOW for program management to assist offerors in selecting and identifying a Program Manager within the SF330.



◆ 14. In the case of RD/RA; after an RD please describe the bidding and subcontracting process i.e. who advertises job, who evaluates contractors, who selects and who holds the construction subcontract? What is EPA's role versus A-E's role in the above process?



◆ 15. Under the 8(a) set aside contract, can the 8(a) prime contractor subcontract the design services and perform the construction of remedies under the Brooks Act? Or vice versa?



♦ 16. Under the 8(a) can the prime contractor perform both the design and construction services?



♦ 17. Off the funding limits listed in the RFP, what is a realistic value of funding in Region 2, considering the Government's funding issues?



♦ 18. Please read aloud the 5 criteria listed on the sample work allocation matrix slide that was shown this morning.



◆ 19. Does EPA have a plan on how they intend to use the large business virus 8(a), SDVOSB contractors (i.e. what type of work assignments will go to each)?



♦ 20. If a business is certified under multiple small business categories, will inclusion of that firm meet multiple set aside categories?

◆ Is it possible to obtain a contract list for the primes who attend the small business network meeting on 5/17/2007?



♦ 21. Will we be able to highlight the Team's past performance in Projects Section?



◆ 22. Does the subcontracting pool money include other services besides construction, such as drillers, surveyors, labs, cultural resource surveys and specialty subcontractors?



◆ 23. Page 3-5 of 5 under additional attachments #3. "Offerors shall provide a Quality Management Plan." Is this QMP required with the proposal or will it be required just for the final selected firms?



◆ 24. Attachment 3 Section F Page 3-3 of 5, where are the definitions of RI/FS, RD, RA work areas (i.e. one man's RI/RF is another man's site assessment, etc.)?



♦ 25. What are laboratory requirements?



This question was submitted at the conference but is not included in the transcript.

- ◆ 26. Can the EPA Region II Project Officer be made available to contractors to meet/discuss upcoming technical needs for Region II?
- ◆ Answer: No. This information was shared at the conference and is also available on Region 2's home page under "Overview of the Remedial Action Program by Shaheer Alvi."



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